

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. I would hope that Sinclair would reflect the concerns of local people and provide substantive news rather than one-sided portrayals of one candidate or another. We need information about the real issues facing voters: the war, the economy, education, stem-cell research and health care reform.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.